

**TITLE VI – DREAM Act**  
**“Secure Borders, Economic Opportunity and Immigration Reform Act of 2007”**

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*“The Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act would help a select group of intelligent, motivated, hard-working young people to become lawful permanent residents. Those who would benefit include honor roll students, star athletes, talented artists, aspiring teachers and doctors, as well as U.S. soldiers.”*

DREAM Act students are eligible for Z visas and lawful permanent residence if the student:

- came to the United States as a child (under age 16),
- has good moral character, and
- attends college or enlists in the military for at least 2 years.

DREAM Act Students, who are probationary Z or Z visa holders, will be eligible for federal student loans, federal work-study and certain other federal assistance.

Most of the people affected by the DREAM Act were born abroad to parents who later came to this country illegally. Under current law, they can attend public schools, but do not qualify for federal assistance to pay for college. Because they are undocumented, they could be deported at any time. The DREAM Act would give them an opportunity to achieve the American dream.

Some of the people who would benefit from the DREAM Act include:

A female student at Boston Latin Academy who has lived in the United States since she was 4 years old. She is fluent in English, French, and Portuguese and was among 3 seniors in her class selected to mentor new students. She is determined to be the first member of her family to attend college and become a lawyer.

A teenager studying at Dennis-Yarmouth High School in Cape Cod. He moved from the lower-level classes he first attended when he arrived in the United States to advanced placement classes in calculus, computer sciences, and robotics. He dreams of attending college.

The DREAM Act provisions would enable a group of highly-qualified, ambitious young people to contribute to our society by pursuing higher education or serving in the U.S. army.